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GENEVA FOR MEPC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SYRIAN MEDIA REACTION TO SOVIET INITIATIVE TO RESUME

GENEVA MEPC

1. IN BRIEF ITEM DATED NEW YORK, OCT 9 SYRIAN PRESS QUOTED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT SOVIET UNION RENEWED EXPRESSION OF ITS CONCERN PREVIOUS DAY ABOUT SERIOUSNESS OF DETERIORATING ME SITUATION AND AGAIN APPEALED FOR IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION OF GENEVA MEPC. PRESS CITED AP DISPATCH CLAIMING THAT SOVIETS ADDRESSED MEMO TO SYG WALDHEIM WARNING OF DANGER THAT WAR MIGHT ERUPT IN ME AT ANY MOMENT.

2. ARTICLE CONTINUED BY REFERRING TO ANNOUNCEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT HE STUDYING SOVIET APPEAL AND WILL REPLY OFFICIALLY IN DUE TIME. ACCORDING TO PRESS,
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SECRETARY TOLD CORRESPONDENTS NUMBER OF OBSTACLES

HINDERED RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, PRIMARILY
ISRAELI REFUSAL TO PERMIT PLO PARTICIPATION IN
DISCUSSIONS.

3. COMMENT: SYRIAN MEDIA CONTINUE TO GIVE IMPRESSION
THAT RECENT SOVIET PROPOSAL HAS LITTLE SUPPORT FROM
OTHER CONFEREES. MEDIA HAS NOT INDICATED SYRIAN STANCE
TOWARD SOVIET INITIATIVE, BUT VERY LOW-KEY PRESS TREAT-
MENT SUGGESTS IT IS NOT AROUSING ANY SPECIAL INTEREST.
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